GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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RESTRUCTURING OF KGUC
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government proposes to restructure Khadi and Gram Udyog Commission (KGUC);

(b): if so, the details in this regard alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c): the name of new schemes likely to be introduced in Khadi and Gram Udyog Commission (KGUC)?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): In the National Common Minimum Programme, the Government has declared to revamp the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). This has been necessitated mainly because of the decline in employment in the khadi sector and nearly stagnant sales of khadi over the years. Towards this objective, `The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2005` to amend the Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act, 1956 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 22 August 2005. The Bill has been considered and passed by the Sabha on 27 February, 2006.

(c): The Government has approved the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI), for development of 100 clusters, including 75 for the khadi and village industries, over five years beginning 2005-06.